

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVE

To obtain a Social Work Teaching position within The Denver University School of Social Work capitalizing on my clinical acumen, expertise and interests in the following:

- Individual, Whole/Intergenerational Family and Group Counseling and Treatment Intervention
- Preventative, Remedial, Crisis and Violence Intervention Strategies/Solutions
- Advocate for Education and Empowerment for Vulnerable, Neglected and Abused Clients
- Supervision of Professional Social Workers, Providers and Graduate Student Preceptor

QUALIFICATIONS AND STRENGTHS

More than 23 years of Clinical Social Work Experience within a Strength Based Model Framework – providing dynamic leadership as well as disciplined, focused and reality based treatment modalities within a whole-family based, psychosocial and emotional paradigm in the following areas:

- Solution Focused Brief Therapy
- Strategic Directive Family Therapy
- Clinical and Psycho-Social Assessment
- Treatment Planning
- Anger Management and Problem-Solving
- Bereavement, Loss, PTSD, Trauma
- Self-Esteem and Depression
- Family Violence/Substance Abuse
- Childhood Core Issues (Abandonment/Neglect)
- Women’s Issues/Sexual Abuse

Key Strengths and Responsibilities Include:

- Conducting Triage, Clinical and Lethality Assessments, Treatment Planning and Delivery
- Preparing all Documentation and Presenting Patient Case/Needs to Multidisciplinary Teams
- Cultivating Collaborative Partnerships with Multi-Agency Service Providers and Agencies
- Planning, Developing and Administering Operations and Staffing Budget of Up to \$500,000
- Creating Specialized Family/Children’s Programs/Services Utilizing Community Resources

Passionate about my work and Committed to Providing a Safe Environment with Educative and Empowerment Tools and Strategies to identify core triggers and reduce the cycle of pain, suffering and stress, and move into empowered successful experiences of living. Areas of particular expertise include:

- Establishing Rapport and Professional Relationships with Culturally Diverse Populations of Adult Males and Females
- Researching Multiple Solutions to Provide Therapies that are Specifically Tailored to Particular Individual, Group, Family or Children’s Needs
- Training, Mentoring and Supervising Clinical Staff, Student/Interns, and Facilitating Specialized Psychotherapy Groups, Multi-Generational Family Therapy and Parenting Classes
- Serve as Expert Witness in 1st, 2nd and 18th Judicial Districts

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

- State of Colorado Division of Registrations: Licensed Clinical Social Worker #989396
- State of Colorado Approved Domestic Violence Treatment Provider (Former)
- Certified in Neurolinguistic Programming (NLP)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

DIVISION OF YOUTH CORRECTION-STATE OF COLORADO

Lookout Mountain Youth Service Center

Treatment Provider 2009-2010

Licensed Clinical Social Worker Direct Treatment Provider

Provision of intensive clinical mental health treatment interventions for committed youth offenders, development of treatment plans, and special management plans, and special intervention plans, member of leadership team, multidisciplinary treatment team, and family therapy department team. Assist classroom teachers with behavior management interventions, support IEP's,, Provision of individual; family therapy; group therapy, crisis management, transition planning, mental health crisis intervention.

DENVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS – Denver, Colorado

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (2006 - 2009)

Provision of crisis intervention in urban metro schools with a diverse student population. Consult with professional teaching staff in areas of behavior management. Provision staff in-service training in areas of child abuse reporting, behavior management and conflict resolution, and social work techniques, and strategies to assist teachers in incorporating mental health and behavioral management strategies and techniques in the classroom.

Case Management responsibilities include providing direct preventative, and remedial social work services to children whose behavior, attitudes, education, and environmental circumstances require specialized help, including:

- Psycho/social and Special Education Assessments and Evaluations
- Development of Behavior Treatment Plans; RTI and PBS trained.
- Psychotherapy in areas of Individual and Group Mental Health Counseling
- Evaluate/Assess and Write Threat and Suicide Risk Assessments and Report Child Abuse

Direct mental health intervention services with families; coordinate family conferences; serve as a liaison to family members. Participate in Multidisciplinary Team and Facilitate Positive Behavior Support program in school, Restorative Justice, Why Try, and Response to Intervention.

COTTONWOOD COUNSELING AND FAMILY SERVICES, INC.- Littleton, Colorado

Owner/Director (1997 - 2006)

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Director of multi-service psychotherapy agency providing crisis intervention, clinical psychotherapy and case management for individuals in areas of depression, anxiety, marital issues, trauma, domestic violence, substance abuse, grief, bereavement, and life transitions issues. Coordinated family conferences Supervised multidisciplinary professional clinical staff including PH.D., Psy.D, LCSW, MSW, and CAC I, II, III therapists and facilitated staff meetings. Supervised Denver University and Metro State College Human Service and Social Work Student Internships.

Facilitated intensive therapy for men, women, couples, and families and specialized treatment groups for high risk adult male and female court ordered offenders and post correction offenders in areas of anger management and domestic violence. Provided independent clinical intervention with high risk male population.

Facilitated psychosocial evaluations, assessments, treatment plans, treatment oversight, written correspondence to judges, probation officers, EAP coordinators, and education supervisors.

- Developed ADAD substance abuse and DVOMB domestic violence State of Colorado approved treatment curriculum.
- Provided clinical consultation to other agencies and their staff in areas of mental health services, and personnel supervision.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Continued)

- Provided Community Education Outreach Programs in areas of anger management, family issues, domestic violence, and mental health.
- Developed community resource lists for clients, matched resource with client to assist with successful adjustment in community.
- Managed public relations and media interviews regarding family issues in areas of trauma, and women's issues.

COLORADO MENTAL HEALTH INSTITUTE AT FT. LOGAN – Denver, Colorado

Psychiatric Social Worker (1991 - 1998)

Lead psychiatric social worker on an open in-patient children's unit and on a locked in-patient adolescent forensic unit, providing Case Management of individuals hospitalized for serious mental illness with compassion and sensitivity to cultural diversity.

Participation on a multidisciplinary team providing intensive individual psychotherapy, group therapy, and intensive family therapy in consultation with psychiatric staff. Supervised team social workers and master level graduate candidates in the field of social work.

Provided clinical assessments and written psychosocial reports, comprehensive treatment plans, and discharge summaries. Liaison to mental health facilities, schools and other referral sources for facilitation and coordination of out patient community wrap around services for discharged patients.

DENVER DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES - Denver, Colorado

Social Worker/

Investigator and Therapist to Highly Specialized Sexual Abuse Team (1987 to 1991)

Provided total case management including clinical assessment, forensic interview and participated on a weekly child abuse multidisciplinary team. Facilitated adult male sex offender group for incest offenders. Developed services for children and families within the Child Welfare System.

EDUCATION AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

DENVER UNIVERSITY - Denver, Colorado

Master's Degree in Social Work - June, 1987

Relevant Coursework, Licensures and Certifications:

- Social Work Treatment, Individual, Group, Couples Children, and Family
- Administration and Management of Human Services

LORETTO HEIGHTS COLLEGE - Denver, Colorado

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology, May 1984

**Instructor to adult professional seeking Domestic Violence and CAC I, II, III certificates
Denver Cares, Denver Health**

Current Board Member of Metro State College Center for Addiction Studies

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